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Eugene's Parks and Open Spaces



Hendricks Park

Established in 1906, HENDRICKS PARK is Eugene's oldest city park. Its 78 acres include the world-renowned Hendricks Park Rhododendron Garden, a 65-acre forest, and a Native Plant Garden. Rich with trails, the park is a haven for hiking, bird watching and experiencing the tranquility of nature. The prime blooming season for rhododendrons is April and May, but the park is enjoyed year round. For tour information and volunteer opportunities in the park, visit www.friendsofhendrickspark.org.

The RIDGELINE PARK system offers over 1,300 acres of scenic, forested open space. Just minutes from downtown, you can enjoy magnificent vistas of Eugene, the Coburg Hills, the Cascade Mountains, and diverse habitats containing a multitude of native flora and fauna, which change with the seasons.

ALTON BAKER PARK is Eugene's largest riverfront park, comprising 402 acres along the north bank of the Willamette River. Throughout the year, the park comes alive with festivals, running and walking races, and community events, such as Art & the Vineyard. Along the park's many bike and walking paths, you can enjoy a wide variety of landscaped gardens, natural areas and amenities. The WHILAMUT NATURAL AREA consists of over 230 acres in the eastern section of the park dedicated to the preservation of natural resources, low-impact recreation and wildlife habitat. Other popular park features include an off-leash dog park; PRE'S TRAIL; Hays Tree Garden, Cuthbert Amphitheatre; BMX facilities; The Science Factory; community gardens; native plant nursery; canoe canal; and boat launch along the Willamette River.



Off-leash Dog Park

In 1914, SKINNER BUTTE PARK became Eugene's first riverfront park. From the summit of Skinner Butte, visitors are treated to panoramic views of the community, while a cool, riverside treat awaits below. Located on the west side of the park, the Skinner Butte Columns are a popular spot for local ROCK-CLIMBING enthusiasts. Eugene's largest destination playground lies in the



RiverPlay Discovery Village Playground

heart of Skinner Butte Park. Covering one acre, the RIVERPLAY DISCOVERY VILLAGE PLAYGROUND offers children the opportunity to scale a play replica of Skinner Butte, uncover fossils at an ancient history sand dig, and play with sand and water along a 30-foot miniature Willamette River.

OWEN ROSE GARDEN offers over 400 varieties of roses nestled in a spectacular setting along the south side of the Willamette River. View the garden live on the web at www.eugene-or.gov/parks. Click "Parks & Maps."

Alton Baker and Skinner Butte parks and Owen Rose Garden are linked to a chain of city parks along the Willamette River. This RIVERFRONT PARK SYSTEM encompasses 700 acres and creates a greenway along the river that helps to protect and restore the river and the forested area along its banks.

The basic building block of Eugene's park system is one of the 52 NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS in the city. New neighborhood parks are added nearly every year as the city continues to grow and are a great place for people of all ages.

Dogs enjoy free reign, and their human companions enjoy the opportunity to network with other dog owners at OFF-LEASH DOG PARKS at Alton Baker, Amazon, Wayne Morse Historical, and Candlelight parks. Most of the parks offer amenities such as wash-down stations, dog waste bag dispensers, and pedestrian nodes or gathering places where trails or paths intersect.

Skateboard enthusiasts can find a variety of levels of challenge to master their skills at SKATEPARKS in Eugene. Beginning skaters can enjoy the city's oldest skatepark at Amazon Park. Beginner to intermediate boarders will enjoy state-of-the-art facilities at Bethel, Cal Young and Trainsong skateparks. Those seeking a greater challenge will appreciate the Churchill skatepark.

Eugene's largest open space system, the WEST EUGENE WETLANDS, offers 3,000 acres of some of the best remaining examples of Willamette Valley native wet prairie, and a globally imperiled habitat. Several miles of trails, wildlife overlooks, and interpretive signage allow you to experience the wet prairie. A controllable, pan-tilt-zoom webcam at Meadowlark Prairie offers viewers a virtual panorama of the wetlands and its diverse wildlife. To experience this beautiful natural area now, log on at www.eugene-or.gov/parks. Click "Park Web Cams."



Skinner Butte Columns

2900
Acres of natural areas

49
Playgrounds

6
Community Gardens

5
Skate parks

44
Sports fields

4
Off-leash dog parks

560
Acres of parks

50
Miles of trails

133
Public parks



Prefontaine Trail

Trails

The ADIDAS and REXIUS TRAILS in Amazon Park and the PREFONTAINE TRAIL in Alton Baker Park are specifically designed for runners and walkers. The Adidas Trail is a one mile loop in the northwest section of the park, and the Rexus Trail is a 3.5 mile loop that travels along Amazon Creek from 33rd Avenue to Frank Kinney Park. The Prefontaine Trail covers four miles through Alton Baker Park.

Bicyclists, roller bladers, and walkers will enjoy the paved trails throughout the city. The RUTH BASCOM RIVERBANK PATH SYSTEM connects all the riverfront parks in a loop and encompasses over 12 miles, including five pedestrian/bike bridges. The FERN RIDGE PATH travels seven miles from Lane County Fairgrounds to Meadowlark Prairie Overlook, just beyond the intersection of Royal Avenue and Greenhill Road.

For a more rugged experience, RIDGELINE PARK offers hikers over 11 miles of trail and mountain bikers approximately three miles of trail to explore. See the trailheads denoted on the map.

Park Rentals

Each year, over 400 community members planning everything from weddings to reunions apply to reserve one of Eugene's unique parks, the most popular being Alton Baker, Hendricks, Owen Rose Garden, and Washington Jefferson. There are 23 park picnic areas available for rent including the 27-acre WAYNE MORSE FAMILY FARM which features a historic house, natural wooded area, and meadow. For more information or to receive a park rental brochure contact 682-4800.

Volunteer Opportunities

Through the VOLUNTEERS IN PARKS program, you or your service group can help construct trails; plant shrubs, flowers and trees; clean up litter and debris; install tables, benches and playground equipment; and remove invasive plants in your parks. One-time and ongoing park adoption projects are available.



Stream Team Volunteers

STREAMTEAM volunteers help improve water quality, fish and wildlife habitat in the city's waterways, and other natural areas by collecting seeds, stenciling storm drains, leading nature field trips, salvaging and monitoring native plants, and tending to native plants at the native plant nursery. Community groups can also adopt segments of waterways, such as Amazon Creek, to care for on a long-term basis.

The NEIGHBORWOODS program brings together neighbors, businesses, and local volunteer groups to plant and care for street trees. TREE STEWARDS help train community members to be able to assist the city in pruning and caring for young trees throughout Eugene.

Outdoors Programs

Through the RIVER HOUSE OUTDOOR PROGRAM, outdoor and environmental recreation and education are available for youth and adults. Take a short day trip or an extended wilderness trek, or learn to raft, kayak, sail, rock climb, hike, canoe, mountain bike, tree climb, snow shoe, telemark ski, and cross country ski. For group adventures, the SPENCER BUTTE CHALLENGE COURSE features high and low elements, ropes, ladders, and forms built among the trees. The course provides unique team-building in a safe, facilitated environment for groups of all ages and ability.

Play Ball

Several thousand youth and adult teams play nearly 10,000 games on Eugene's outdoor sports fields every year. The Athletics program provides opportunities for thousands of youth and adults to participate in softball, volleyball, basketball, ultimate frisbee, soccer, and tennis on the City's 23 softball fields, 20 turf fields, 4 artificial turf fields, and 23 tennis courts. It also offers opportunities to disc golf at Westmoreland Park or take in a traditional round of golf at Laurelwood Golf Course, Eugene's own nine-hole, regulation golf course.

Places to Swim

The City offers three community pools. Learn to swim, get fit or stay fit by taking a fitness class or swimming laps, or just come and play during recreation swim sessions offered every day of the week. You can even reserve a pool for your next party. All facilities are equipped with accessibility bays, ADA-accessible lifts and changing rooms, and family changing rooms. Registration for swim lessons at City aquatic facilities exceeds 6,500 annually.



Amazon Pool

AMAZON POOL features lap, multi-purpose and beginners, outdoor pools with water play features for kids of all ages, water slides, a pool especially designed for younger children, a diving tower, and hot tub. A concession stand is available to patrons of Amazon park and pool as they work up an appetite. The pool is open May through October.

Located in west Eugene, ECHO HOLLOW POOL & FITNESS CENTER is open year-round. With its indoor and outdoor pools and fitness/weight room, the facility offers water and land fitness and recreation of all kinds. Monthly Splash Dances for fourth through ninth graders and family movie nights are just some of the special activities offered at this facility.

Open year-round, SHELDON POOL & FITNESS CENTER offers an indoor lap pool, diving well with low and high boards, and picnic area with a sand play area, picnic tables, and barbecue. The facility also offers a fitness/weight room and is located next to Sheldon Community Center, which offers preschool and drop-in childcare.



Riverhouse Outdoor Program

Community Hubs

City recreation programs attract more than 640,000 participants annually; 65% of these are youth. Community centers and parks throughout the city provide a network of support and enrichment to all who live in Eugene. Children, adults, and families can participate in a wide range of arts, music, drama, fitness, outdoor recreation, special events, and other programs throughout the year.

The PETERSEN BARN COMMUNITY CENTER, located in the heart of the Bethel neighborhood, provides activities for all age groups from preschool youth to mature adults. Originally a dairy barn, the center was remodeled to become a memorial park and community center in the mid 1970s. Petersen Barn may be rented for community and family gatherings and also offers year-round recreation programming and a variety of special events for the Bethel and West Eugene neighborhoods.

SHELDON COMMUNITY CENTER provides an extensive array of child, youth and adult programs for area residents, and is the host site for the popular Kid City program. Located between Sheldon Pool and Sheldon High School, the center facilitates ongoing collaborative programming and facility access to area groups and residents.

Amazon Park is home to AMAZON COMMUNITY CENTER which offers a variety of enrichment activities, classes, workshops, special events, and summer camps for people of all ages. The center collaborates with local schools, social service agencies, neighborhood groups, and others to offer innovative programming.

Located in a beautiful park setting, the CAMPBELL COMMUNITY CENTER offers lovely gardens and an outdoor courtyard. The facility may be rented for weddings and other community and family gatherings.

ACTIVITIES FOR OLDER ADULTS such as recreation classes and volunteer opportunities can be found at Campbell and Petersen Barn community centers. Campbell Community Center offers classes to adults age 55 and over, as well as health screenings, information and referral services, day and extended trips, a wide range of outdoor activities, walking and biking groups, and a fully-equipped wood shop.

Adaptive Recreation

The Adaptive Recreation Program at HILYARD COMMUNITY CENTER offers opportunities for people with physical, developmental, and emotional disabilities to develop active, healthy and playful lifestyles. Certified Therapeutic Recreation Specialists and program volunteers help participants experience a wide range of activities by providing therapeutic and community recreation programs and resource information. Staff also provide accessibility accommodations and inclusion supports for City recreation programs, such as written information transcribed into Braille, large print or audio tape, assistive listening devices, adapted recreation equipment, and accessible transportation. The center offers a wide range of programming, including fitness, art, music, and dance classes; adapted outdoor activities; support groups; social events; and excursions.

Culture in Eugene

Located in downtown Eugene, the HULT CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS hosts a wide variety of local, national and international performances, including symphony, dance, theater, opera, and musical concerts. The facility includes a concert hall, theater, rehearsal and reception area, and Jacobs Gallery, which displays the work of Oregon artists. Situated in the heart of Alton Baker Park, the CUTHBERT AMPHITHEATER is a popular outdoor entertainment venue. With a seating capacity of 4,400, the amphitheater hosts a broad mix of popular entertainment under the stars, from June through September. Each year, more than 17,000 people attend over 20 SUMMER CONCERTS IN THE PARK featuring a wide variety of musical styles in parks throughout Eugene. For a schedule of concerts, visit www.eugene-or.gov/parks/rec.



Cuthbert Amphitheater

Leave a Legacy

The Legacy Program offers lasting tribute opportunities in local parks and natural areas ranging from benches and trails to playground equipment and beyond. All gifts are tax-deductible. For more information contact 682-4907 or www.eugene-or.gov/parkdonations.



North Bank Bike Trail

Get Connected

SPECIAL PLACES & PROGRAMS*

- Amazon Community Center (F3), 682-5373
- Amazon Pool (F3), 682-5350
- Athletics, 682-5409
- Bethel Branch Library, 682-5766
- Campbell Community Center (E4), 682-5318
- Community Gardens, 682-4800
- Cuthbert Amphitheatre (F4), 682-5087
- Echo Hollow Pool & Fitness Center (C5), 682-5525
- Eugene Public Library (E4), 682-5450
- Hilyard Community Center (F3), 682-5311
- Hult Center for The Performing Arts (E4), 682-5000
- Lamb Cottage, 682-5318
- Laurelwood Golf Course (F3), 687-5321
- Library Volunteers, 682-6617
- McNail-Riley House, 344-8027
- NeighborWoods, 682-4831
- Park Rentals, 682-4800
- Parks and Open Space Administration, 682-4800
- Petersen Barn Community Center (C5), 682-5521
- Recreation Administration, 682-5333
- Recreation Volunteers, 682-5333
- River House Outdoor Program (E4), 682-5329
- RiverPlay Discovery Village Playground (E4), 682-4907
- Ruth Bascom Riverbank Path (E4-5, F4)
- Sheldon Branch Library, 682-5778
- Sheldon Community Center (F5), 682-5312
- Sheldon Pool & Fitness Center (F5), 682-5314
- Shelton-McMurphy-Johnson House (E4), 484-0808
- Spencer Butte Challenge Course (E1), 682-6324
- Specialized Recreation, 682-5311
- Stream Team, 682-4850
- Synthetic Surface Fields, 682-4800
- Volunteers In Parks, 682-4845
- Washington Park Center (E3), 682-5351
- Wayne Morse Family Farm (E3), 682-5380
- West Eugene Wetlands, 682-4888
- Westmoreland Community Center (E3), 345-9939

COMMUNITY PARTNERS

- AYSO, 484-1149
- Audubon Society, 485-BIRD
- Bureau of Land Management, 683-6494
- Boys & Girls Club of Emerald Valley, 345-9939
- Cascades Raptor Center, 485-1320
- Chamber of Commerce, 484-1314
- Eugene Emeralds, 342-5367
- Eugene Parks Foundation, www.eugeneparksfoundation.org
- Farmers Market (E4), 431-4923
- Food for Lane County, 343-2822
- Friends of Hendricks Park, 607-4066
- Friends of the Library, 484-1452
- Kidsports, 683-2373
- Lane County Fairgrounds (E3), 682-4292
- Lane County Parks, 682-2000
- Lane Council of Governments, 682-4283
- Lane County Historical Museum, 682-4239
- Lane Metro Youth Corps/Looking Glass Youth and Family Services, 302-2554
- Little League, 461-1130
- Mercado Latino, 345-7106
- Mount Pisgah Arboretum, 747-3817
- Museum of Natural and Cultural History, 346-3024
- Native Plant Society of Oregon, www.npsoregon.org
- Nearby Nature, 687-9699
- North American Rock Garden Society, www.nargs.org
- Northwest Youth Corps, 349-5055
- Oregon State Parks, 937-1173
- Oregon Track Club, 343-7247
- Oregon United Soccer Academy, 683-8845
- REI Passport to Adventure Program, 465-1800
- River Road Park and Recreation District, 688-4052
- Saturday Market (E4), 686-8885
- Special Olympics, 726-0387
- Support Hult Center Operations (SHO), 682-5733
- The Nature Conservancy, (503) 230-1221
- The Science Factory, 682-7888
- US Army Corps of Engineers, 937-2131
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, (541) 757-7236
- Willamalane Park and Recreation District, 736-4044
- Willamette National Forest (USFS), 225-6300
- Willamette Wildlife Rehabilitation, 485-8440
- YMCA, 686-9622

*Map coordinates (in parentheses)



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Park Rules

Hours: All parks are open from 6 a.m. to 11 p.m. every day of the year! For everyone's safety and enjoyment, the following activities are prohibited: • Overnight camping • Unleashed dogs • Out-of-control dogs • Not picking up and disposing of your dog's waste • Drinking or possession of alcohol • Glass containers Causing a disturbance • Fires, grills, or stoves • Discharging weapons or using fireworks • Operating motor vehicles outside of designated roads and parking lots • Damaging any City property, including buildings, furnishings, fixtures, signs, plants, and grounds (• In designated areas or circumstances where posted, these may be permissible.) Watch the Eugene Parks and Open Space film at www.eugene-or.gov/parks • A special thank you to all the photographers who lent us their time and talents including Vern Rogers, Tom Bodhi Reeves, Elyn Toney, and Bob Blanchard.